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The reply brief filed 1/31/2003 has been entered and considered. The examiner's application of prior art and corresponding discussion of the art is noted in the Examiner's Answer. The application has been forwarded to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences for decision on the appeal.

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